

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE Silver Spring, MO 20910

NMFS ANNOUNCES HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on October 3-4, 2006, in Alexandria, VA (71 FR 51577, August 30, 2006). The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of HMS. NMFS will also host a meeting with Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council representatives on the morning of October 5, 2006, to discuss coordination and communication issues related to Atlantic HMS.

The AP meeting will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. The meeting with Council representatives will be held at the same location from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, October 5, 2006. Both meetings are open to the public.

Please contact Ms. Othel Freeman or Chris Rilling, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-713-2347, for any questions regarding meeting logistics or materials.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Othel Freeman at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

This fax notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information related to HMS, please call 301-713-2347 or see the HMS web page at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/.

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